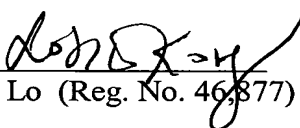


Support for these new claims can be found throughout the specification, and, in particular, at page 10, lines 19-25 and at page 13 in Example 6.

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76. (Amended) A process for preparing vanlafaxine hydrochloride Form I comprising the steps of:

- a) preparing a mixture of venlafaxine in isopropanol; and
- b) exposing the mixture in gaseous hydrochloric acid [at pH 7].